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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain pending in this application. In the Office Action dated July 6, 2005, Claims 3-4, 8-9 and 15-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 for indefiniteness, Claims 1-2, 10-12, 14, 15 and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 2,971,638 to Allison *et al.* ("Allison"), Claims 13 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Allison, and Claims 5-9, 18 and 20 were rejected as being unpatentable over Allison in view of U.S. 3,199,666 to Burdick ("Burdick"). Claims 3 and 16 were held to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejections and to include the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 3 and 16 have been rewritten in independent format to include the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims, and have also been amended to correct the indefiniteness issues identified by the Examiner. Thus, it is believed that these claims and their dependents, Claims 4 and 17, are allowable.

Claims 8, 15 and 21-23 have been amended to correct the various inconsistencies and informalities noted by the Examiner. With the entry of these claim amendments, it is believed that the indefiniteness rejections of Claims 3-4, 8-9 and 15-23 are now all overcome.

In addition, independent Claims 1, 15 and 21 have been amended to further recite that the rotation of the capsule that contains the collectible item is about an axis that is substantially collinear with the central axis of the capsule. Support for this amendment can be found in the Specification at, for example, page 7, lines 7-13, and in Fig. 4. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendments.

With the entry of the present amendments, it is believed that the § 102 and § 103 rejections are all overcome. The primary Allison reference relates to a dispensing container or package used to contain and dispense pills or pellets. The display includes front and back sheets 20, 21, where the front sheet 20 includes a large circular aperture 24. The back sheet 21 includes a much smaller opening 27. An inner sheet 22 is sandwiched between the front and back sheets. The inner sheet is substantially concentric with the front sheet aperture 24, and connects to the back sheet by an eyelet 29 so that the inner sheet is axially rotatable relative to the front and back sheets. The inner sheet also includes a plurality of cup shaped portions 30 that protrude out from

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the central aperture 24, and can contain pills or pellets. Significantly, each of these cup shaped portions is *arranged a radial distance away from pivotal axis of the inner sheet defined by the eyelet 29*. Thus, the entire inner sheet 22 containing the radially-offset cup-shaped pill containers can be rotated about eyelet 29 in order to bring the cup-shaped portions into alignment with the small opening 27 in the back sheet 21, thereby dispensing the pills.

Allison does not teach or suggest a display for a collectible item as is recited in the present claims, in which the capsule that contains a collectible item is rotatable about an axis that is substantially collinear with the central axis of the capsule. This is a significant feature for a display for collectible items, since it is often desirable to adjust the rotational alignment of the collectible item (such as a coin) contained within the display. This would not be possible using the design of the Allison reference, since the cup-shaped portions of Allison are all radially offset from the pivotal axis of the inner sheet from which these cup-shaped portions are formed. Thus, the rotation of the inner sheet relative to the outer sheets merely changes the positions of the cup-shaped portions – it does not permit the adjustment of the rotational alignment of the individual cup-shaped portions or the items contained therein. This is understandable, since the Allison patent relates to the field of dispensing containers for pills, pellets or other medical ingredients (see, e.g., col. 1, lines 15-18), where there would be no need or motivation to provide an apparatus for adjusting the rotational alignment of an individual display capsule.

Furthermore, the secondary Burdick reference does not overcome the deficiencies described above in connection with the Allison reference. Burdick discloses a conventional coin holder for displaying and protecting collectable coins in a transparent, airtight case. It does not discuss the problem of rotational alignment of the coins, nor does it teach or suggest any mechanism by which a capsule that contains a collectible item is rotatable about an axis that is substantially collinear with the central axis of the capsule.

Since neither of the cited references teach or suggest the devices and methods as presently claimed, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's § 102 and § 103 rejections are all overcome, and it is requested that Claims 1-23 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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